



## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Salman Akram

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INTERCONNECTS OF

SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES FOR

**BONDING** 

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## AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are filed in response to the Examiner's remarks in the Final Office Action mailed October 10, 2006, the three-month shortened statutory period for response to which expires on December 10, 2006. This response is submitted on or before two months from the mailing date of the Final Office Action.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.